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SUBJECT: FY-74 COUNTRY ALLOCATION CU PROGRAM

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1. COUNTRY PROGRAM LEVEL FOR SRI LANKA FOR FY-74 HAS BEEN REVIEWED. IN VIEW OF TOTAL CU BUDGET LEVEL AND WORLDWIDE PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS DEPT. NOT ABLE INCREASE CU FY-74 ALLOCATION FOR SRI LANKA. SRI LANKA'S PRIORITY POSITION WHEN COMPARED WITH THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN NEA AREA AND WORLDWIDE DOES NOT ARGUE FOR INCREASE WHICH WOULD IN ANY EVENT HAVE TO BE AT EXPENSE OF SOME OTHER COUNTRY OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.

2. PARA DECISION GIVEN FULL WEIGHT IN ABOVE DELIBERATIONS. IN ALLOCATING CU'S FUNDS WORLDWIDE, HOWEVER, OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ALSO MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE NOTE THAT THE PARA ASKED THAT CU AND USIA PROGRAM COMBINED SHOULD TOTAL \$500,000. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH CURRENT USIA IN-COUNTRY BUDGET THIS TOTAL IS CLOSE TO BEING REACHED.

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3. COUNTRY ALLOCATION FIGURE, OF COURSE, DOES NOT REFLECT

ALL RESOURCES THAT ARE DEVOTED TO PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA, SUCH AS RENEWAL GRANTS FOR STUDENTS AND PRO-RATED COSTS OF OTHER CU PROGRAMS FROM WHICH SRI LANKA BENEFITS, SUCH AS THE RECENT TRACK AND FIELD TEAM VISIT, INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE AND PROPOSED AMATEUR THEATRE GROUP. THE FINAL ALLOCATION, ISSUED AFTER CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR, GIVES A MUCH CLEARER PICTURE OF TOTAL CU FUNDS EXPENDED FOR THE PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. FOR FY-73 THE AMOUNT WAS \$263,887 (TRANSMITTED UNDER OM DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1973). IN FY-74 THE FINAL AMOUNT IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER BECAUSE OF INCREASED UNIT COSTS. KISSINGER

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